**Doctrine of God: Divine Simplicity (Unity)**

**Review:**

**Definition of Simplicity:**[[1]](#footnote-1)

1. **God is pure Spirit.**
   1. **John 4:24**
      1. Matt. 10:29-30
2. **We do not know God in His essence, but as he reveals himself in His works/names (energies).**
   1. “Divine simplicity means that God’s attributes are not literally different aspects of God’s essence, but various descriptions of God’s unified being.”[[2]](#footnote-2)
3. **Application:**
   1. An attribute is a way of describing one aspect of God’s total character or being.
   2. We must be careful not to single out one attribute of God and highlight it over the other attributes
   3. We should never think of God as being “loving” in one point of history, while being “wrathful” in another point in history.

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